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SUBJEC,:INFORMING RHODESIAN REP OF US-UK AGREEMENT TO
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NEXT STEPS IN RHODESIAN NEGOTIATING PROCESS, USING TALKING
POINTS IN PARA 2 AND INFORMING HIM THAT WE AND BRITISH ARE
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DRAFT TEXT IN SEPTEL INSTRUCTING YOU TO APPROACH BOTHA OR
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2. TALKING POINTS:

A. THE US AND UK ARE PLANNING TO ANNOUNCE SIMULTANEOUSLY
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ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO A
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C. CONTINUED VIOLENCE IN RHODESIA INCREASES THE POSSI-
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D. WE HAVE CONSULTED CLOSELY WITH THE BRITISH AND AGREE WITH THEM THAT CONSULTATIONS ABOUT AN INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION AND THE NECESSARY TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS COULD HELP ACHIEVE A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. ACCORDINGLY, WE HAVE AGREED TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THEM IN CARRYING OUT A NEW PHASE OF INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE PARTIES THAT WERE PRESENT AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE.

E. WE BELIEVE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL TO PROVIDE SOME BASIS FOR DISCUSSION AMONG THE PARTIES AND FOR A SETTLEMENT. IT WOULD BE FUTILE TO RUSH INTO ANOTHER CONFERENCE BEFORE THERE IS SOME AGREEMENT ON BASIC PRINCIPLES.

F. WE SEE OUR ROLE IN THE CONSULTATIVE PROCESS AS FACILITATING AGREEMENT ON BASIC PRINCIPLES AND HELPING THE BRITISH SEEK A REAL BASIS FOR SETTLEMENT.

G. IF THERE IS PROGRESS IN THE CONSULTATIONS, WE ARE PREPARED TO ASK FRONT LINE STATES TO URGE THE NATIONALISTS TO ACCEPT A JUST SETTLEMENT. THERE ARE LIMITS TO OUR ABILITY, BUT WE BELIEVE WE CAN HAVE A CONSTRUCTIVE INFLUENCE.

H. TO PURSUE THE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS, THE US WILL ASSIGN A SENIOR OFFICIAL TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE HEAD OF THE GROUP. OCCASIONAL VISITS TO RHODESIA MAY BE NECESSARY AND THE US OFFICIAL WILL ACCOMPANY WHEN APPROPRIATE.

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